

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A beverage dispenser for ejecting a beverage into a receptacle[, ] comprising:  
a housing including a taking-in/out space;  
a plurality of nozzles provided above the taking-in/out space in the beverage  
~~dispenser,~~ for ejecting the beverage[, ] into the receptacle;  
obstacle detection means for detecting an obstacle around the nozzle, plurality of  
nozzles; and  
alarm means for issuing an alarm when the detection means detects the obstacle;  
and  
a nozzle cover for covering the plurality of nozzles and the obstacle detection  
means to partially close the taking-in/out space.
2. (Currently Amended) A beverage dispenser as defined by claim 1, ~~further~~  
~~comprising a mechanism capable of not detecting wherein the obstacle detection means is~~  
~~configured to not detect the receptacle, into which the beverage is ejected from the beverage~~  
~~dispenser,~~ as the obstacle.
3. (Currently Amended) A beverage dispenser as defined by claim 2, wherein the  
~~mechanism capable of not detecting the receptacle into which the beverage is ejected defines~~  
obstacle detection means is configured to include a detection area of the obstacle detection  
~~means~~ in the vicinity of the nozzles.

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4. (Currently Amended) A beverage dispenser as defined by any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein ~~the~~ no alarm is ~~not~~ issued from the alarm means when the beverage is ejected.

5. (Previously Presented) A beverage dispenser as defined by claim 1, further comprising a switch capable of making the alarm means inoperative.

6. (Previously Presented) A beverage dispenser as defined by claim 1, wherein the alarm means is an acoustic generator.

7. (Canceled).

8. (New) A beverage dispenser as defined by claim 1, wherein the obstacle detection means is located between the plurality of nozzles and the receptacle to be placed in the taking-in/out space.